

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A fishing rod comprising:

a rod pipe;

a tubular body to which the rod pipe is inserted and fitted;

a tubular transparent synthetic resin body integrally molded with the tubular body;

a concealing film formed on at least one edge face portion of the synthetic resin body;

and

a grip portion to which the tubular transparent synthetic resin body is fixed ~~to through~~
with the concealing film disposed therebetween.

2. (previously presented): The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the tubular body is formed by winding fiber-reinforced prepreg prepared by impregnating reinforced fiber with synthetic resin, and an outer peripheral surface of the tubular body is visually discernible through an outside surface of the synthetic resin body.

3. (original): The fishing rod according to claim 2 further comprising a cover member provided for covering a portion of the synthetic resin body where the concealing film is formed.

4. (previously presented): The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin body includes an opening to which a leg of a reel is adapted to be inserted.

5. (withdrawn): The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein a plane of the concealing film is inclined with respect to the tubular body.

6. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fishing rod comprising the steps of:
molding a tubular transparent synthetic resin body integrally with a tubular body;
forming a concealing film on at least one edge face portion of the synthetic resin body;
and
inserting and fitting a rod pipe to the tubular body with 10 which the synthetic resin body is integrally formed.

7. (currently amended): A fishing rod comprising;
a rod pipe;
a reinforced tubular body to which the rod pipe is inserted and fitted; and
a synthetic resin body which is integrally molded with an outer side of the tubular body, includes a portion larger in thickness than the tubular body and is made of a material softer than that of the tubular body;

wherein the reinforced tubular body extends in an axial direction thereof longer than that of the synthetic resin body.

8. (previously presented): The fishing rod according to claim 7, wherein one end of the reinforced tubular body is projected from one edge face of the synthetic resin body in an axial direction of the tubular body.

9. (currently amended): ~~The fishing rod according to claim 7,~~ A fishing rod comprising:

a rod pipe;
a reinforced tubular body to which the rod pipe is inserted and fitted;
a synthetic resin body which is integrally molded with an outer side of the tubular body,
includes a portion larger in thickness than the tubular body and made of a material softer than
that of the tubular body; and
a concealing film formed on at least one edge face portion of the synthetic resin body,
-wherein one end of the reinforced tubular body is located inside the synthetic resin
body-, and
wherein the concealing film is arranged at a portion between the rod pipe and the
synthetic resin body where the reinforced tubular body is not arranged.

10. (original): The fishing rod according to claim 7, wherein the reinforced tubular body is formed by winding fiber-reinforced prepreg prepared by impregnating reinforced fiber with synthetic resin.

11. (original): The fishing rod according to claim 7 further comprising a member formed of soft material equal to or greater in softness than the material of the synthetic resin body which is disposed from one edge face of the synthetic resin body over an outer periphery of the rod pipe.

12. (original): The fishing rod according to claims 7 further comprising a concealing film formed in an end portion of the synthetic resin body; and a cover member for covering the film, wherein the synthetic resin body is made of a translucent material.

13. (original): The fishing rod according to claim 7, wherein the synthetic resin body includes an opening to which a leg of a reel is adapted to be inserted.

14. (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a fishing rod comprising the steps of:
molding a synthetic resin body integrally with a tubular body so that a portion of the synthetic resin body is larger in thickness than the tubular body, the synthetic resin body being made of a material softer than that of the tubular body; and

inserting and fitting a rod pipe to the tubular body with which the synthetic resin body is integrally formed.

15. (previously presented): The fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin body is integrally molded with an outer circumferential portion of the tubular body.

16. (previously presented): The fishing rod according to claim 7, wherein the synthetic resin body is integrally molded with an outer circumferential portion of the tubular body.